

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Will the member be pleased to state how the Tahsildar made the distinction?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The money is only collected from people who actually squat and carry on the sale of their articles.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): That is why I am asking whether any money was collected from the hawkers when they squatted?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I do not know.

Leasing out of certain lands in the Neendakara A Division pakuthi.

146. MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether Survey Nos. 5473, 5474, 5475, 5476, 5477 and 5471-1, in the Neendakara A Division pakuthi, are leased out on *kuttakapattam* to any individual;

(b) the terms of the lease; and

(c) whether any contract in writing is entered into between the lessor and the lessee?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (a) An extent of 27 and odd acres of tank-bed comprised in Survey No. 5473 of the Neendakara A Division pakuthi has been leased out on *kuttakapattam* by the Government to one Mr. R. S. Subrahmanya Pillai.

(b) The terms of the lease are the following:—

(1) that the lessee should pay an annual rent of Rs. 250;

(2) that the lessee should vacate the land at any time when required by the Government; and

(3) that the term of the lease is to be for a period of ten years.

(c) The agreement is reported to have not yet been executed, but the lessee has deposited a sum of Rs. 250 as security.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): May I know when the lease was given?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): That was in February 1932.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): May I know whether there is a G. O. that no land fit for irrigation should be given over until the Minor Irrigation Committee submits its report?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, but there is only a proviso that without the sanction of the Government no land should be registered away or leased out.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): May I know whether there is a G. O. that land fit for irrigation should not be given on *kuttakapattam* until the Minor Irrigation Committee submits its report?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It only says that without the sanction of the Government no *kuttakapattam* can be given. But in this case the sanction of the Government has been given.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): Is there not a G. O.?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): Am I to understand that the Government violated that G. O.?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The G. O. only says that no lease or registry can be made without the sanction of the Government.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): May I know the text of the G. O.?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It is printed as an Appendix to the Irrigation Committee Report itself and copies of this report have been supplied to all the members.

Valuation of improvements on certain lands in the Neendakara-A Division pakuthi.

147. **MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ag. Tahsildar, Mr. Ponnambalam, was asked to estimate the value of improvements effected on Survey Nos. 5473, 5474, 5475, 5476, 5477 and 5471-1 in the Neendakara A Division pakuthi;

(b) whether there was a complaint that he over-estimated the value of improvements; and

(c) the gist of his report made after inspecting the plots of tank-bed of the aforesaid Survey Numbers?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (a) The Ag. Tahsildar had been asked by the Dewan Peishkar, Trivandrum, to report whether the lessee had made any cultivation on the land comprised in Survey No. 5473 only in the Neendakara A Division pakuthi.

(b) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (a).

(c) The Tahsildar's report was to the effect that not less than half the area of the tank-bed comprised in Survey No. 5473 had been converted into wet land, that wet cultivation was being carried on there and that the remaining portion was being converted into paddy fields.

Road Board meetings held in 1106.

148. **MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was any meeting of Road Boards in 1106; and

(b) if not, why no meeting was held?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (a) Yes, the District Boards met twice and the Central Board once in the year 1106.

(b) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (a).

Demand notices issued from the Agastisvaram Taluk Office during 1103-1107.

149. **MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of demand notices issued from the Agastisvaram Taluk Office in 1103, 1104, 1105, 1106 and in the first three quarters of 1107?